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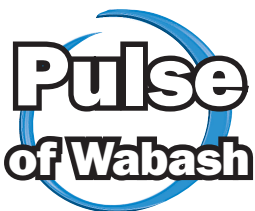
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Honeywell Center to host Wabash FAME Festival

This year's Wabash FAME Festival will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Honeywell Center. Student performances including piano, vocal and dance; student art displays; and workshops featuring guest musicians, dancers and visual artists, will all be a part of the Wabash FAME Festival. This will be the 14th festival of this kind in Wabash, and admission to the festival and participation in most activities is free. This year's festival theme is "The Jazz Era," highlighting music and dance from the 1920s, '30s and '40s.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, March 23 and April 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, April 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

Salamonie Native Plant ID Workshop planned for Saturday, March 26

Learn how to ID native plants during all seasons at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 26 at Salamonie's

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Arc of Wabash County receives \$1M grant

AWS Foundation, of Fort Wayne, selects four local disability service providers for funding

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Arc of Wabash County has been selected by the AWS Foundation, of Fort Wayne, as one of the four nonprofit disability service providers in northeast Indiana to receive a portion of \$3,222,620 in grant funding. On Thursday, AWS Foundation manager of marketing

and public affairs Vicki Lee Johnson the second round of Vantage Grants were divided between The Arc of Wabash County, Life Adult Day Academy, The League and The Arc of LaGrange.

Arc of Wabash County president and CEO Jeff Patton said they had been awarded a \$1 million grant "to transform our employment programs and services

for people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities."

Johnson said in August 2021, second round Vantage Grant participants initially received \$75,000 and six months to identify and explore significant barriers and find a path toward solutions that would transform how they serve the disability community.

"This is a very huge victory for Arc and people in Wabash County with disabilities," said Patton. "The AWS

Foundation gave us \$75,000 last September to research and explore barriers and solutions to competitive, integrated, employment (CIE) for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)."

Patton said people with IDs face an unemployment and underemployment rate 2.5 times greater than people without disabilities, "and Arc of Wabash County wanted to find out why and learn best practices about how we could help solve the

problem."

"Arc staff gathered research and held face-to-face meetings and Zoom meetings with experts and professionals all across the country," said Patton. "We held Zoom meetings with people doing great things in California, Maryland, North Carolina and Texas. We traveled to Chicago, Indianapolis, Wichita and Jackson Hole, Wyoming to learn what people are doing to expand

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New special sensory needs kits available to reach all library patrons



Provided photos

NMPL programming coordinator Molly Magnus, left, and NMPL children's department manager Sarah Morbitzer, right, show off the new kits.

NMPL initiative targeted for the local neurodiverse community

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Local library patrons with special sensory needs will now have more options thanks to a new initiative.

North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they were "thrilled" to offer new sensory kits "to reach the neurodiverse community in creative and exciting ways."

"These kits will have many uses and benefits," said NMPL children's department manager Sarah Morbitzer. "They enable patrons to try items to find out how well they work for their kiddos before making a financial investment. They're a great resource

for patrons who have a neurodiverse visiting family, help out with long car rides, serve as a focus and attention aid for kids who come to the library with tutors and social workers, and assist caregivers with children who are having a rough day here at the library."

Hann said in addition to several sensory kits, selected standalone items are also available for patron checkout, including a Keeping Kalm Microwaveable Weighted Sloth, an Inflated Wobble Cushion Wiggle Seat and several "frustration-free" building sets.

Hann said each of the five sensory boxes serves a specific purpose:

The two "Interactive" kits are "for those who have the energy to spare and need to be constantly moving around to be entertained." The items include an expandable ball, bubble pops, a shake musical ball, stretchy worms and a busy board.

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The "Sweet Dreams and Relax" box "promotes relaxation and calm after a high energy activity and is especially helpful for improving bedtime routines." It contains a weighted lap blanket, a sensory moon night light with eight nature sounds, a quiet book, a stress ball, a liquid motion bubbler and noise-reducing headphones.

Local COVID-19 advisory level finally back down to blue

Though, ISDH reports two new Wabash County virus deaths this week

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After months of elevated local COVID-19 levels, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) finally lowered Wabash County to blue, the lowest level, during their weekly metrics update on Wednesday.

The local trend was reflected statewide as almost all counties in Indiana were also rated at blue during the latest update.

That doesn't mean the danger has completely passed, though, as the ISDH reported two new local COVID-19 deaths this week. On Tuesday, the ISDH reported one additional local death, bringing Wabash County's total to 152. And on Friday, the ISDH reported another additional local death, bringing Wabash County's total to 153.

Overall, though, the Omicron wave which had swept the state and nation has crested, leading to lower hospitalization rates, including locally.

On Thursday, Parkview Wabash president Marilyn Custer-Mitchell said they were also experiencing this trend.

"We're still busy, but we're absolutely seeing fewer COVID patients. We're just seeing more of our normal patients that we saw before during now after that surge. Absolutely there's fewer COVID patients locally and in the state and nation," said Custer-Mitchell.

The relatively lower number of new COVID-19 cases

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WACT to host spring production of 'The Dining Room'

Shows will be held May 13 to 15 at Northfield High School

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) has announced details of its upcoming spring production.

"The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney will be directed locally by WACT veteran Brett Robinson, said board vice president Eric Seaman.

Seaman said the show "looks at how the dining room has changed in American

culture, prominently with upper-middle-class families, through the 20th century." "The Dining Room" was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1985. Gurney also wrote "Love Letters."

"The Dining Room" has been set to be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13; at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. Tickets will be available at the door.

"The Dining Room" is a warm and poignant 'comedy of manners' set in the dining room of a typical upscale household somewhere in the northeastern United

States. Gurney paints a compelling portrait of tradition struggling with social change against a backdrop of the universal longing for affection and comfort that binds families together," said Seaman. "Audiences experience a full range of family situations — birthday parties, holidays, breakfasts, intergenerational squabbles, extramarital affairs — around the dining room table which serves as the hub of a civilized social universe that no longer holds. The series of vignettes that unfold around this table — some touching, some hilarious, some moving — all examine what it means to be a part of an American

family, both past and present. The tone of this gentle comedy is at times ironic and elegiac, but it is also a joyous celebration of the people who gather together in this special place."

The cast list includes:

■ Gary Norman: Client, Father, Ted, Ben, Host.

■ Mike Barnett: Boy, Michael, Nick, Tony, Standish.

■ Brian Coe: Billy, Chris, David.

■ Cage Dubois: Arthur, Howard, Grandfather, Gordon, Dick.

■ Keith Martin: Architect, Stuart, Jim, Harvey.

■ Rafa Camaras: Psychiatrist, Brewster, Paul, Fred.

■ Lin Metzger: Agent, Girl, Winkie, Bertha, Ruth.

■ Isabelle Robinson: Aggie, Nancy, Kate, Emily.

Once these performances have concluded, Seaman said after more than 20 years, WACT will once again produce "one of the most celebrated musicals of all time" for its 2022 fall musical — "Guys and Dolls," which has been scheduled for Sept. 23, 24 and 25, 2022 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater.

These productions come after the WACT announced last year that after two decades of searching they finally have

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Are Southern Baptists facing another 1979 civil war?

Once upon a time, Southern Baptists in Bible Belt communities knew how to talk to people who didn't go to church.

"We were dealing with people who were, for the most part, like us," said Baptist historian Nathan Finn, the provost of North Greenville University, located in the South Carolina hills near the North Carolina border. "Everyone understood sweet tea, fried chicken and SEC football. It was easier to talk to those people about Jesus."

Things changed, as the greater Greenville-Spartanburg area welcomed waves of high-tech firms and industries with global brands such as BMW, Bosch, Fluor, Hitachi and many others. Today's newcomers speak German or Japanese.

"It's not Black folks and white folks from the South," said Finn. "We're past that. The Sunbelt has gone global and we're more urban. We don't know how to talk to the new people. The cultural gaps are bigger. ... Southern Baptists are better at handling these kinds of issues in foreign missions than in our own communities."

Finn has been studying this trend and others for years, which led him to write a series of articles in 2009 for the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary entitled "Fifteen Factors that have Changed the SBC since 1979."

Anyone who knows Southern Baptist Convention history gets that 1979 reference. That was when activists backing "biblical inerrancy" attacked establishment leaders of America's largest Protestant flock, while also supporting causes favored by the surging Religious Right. Electing one SBC president after another during the 1980s, this "conservative resurgence" helped change the face of evangeli-

Terry Mattingly



calism. There are signs a second Baptist civil war may be ahead. A key moment came on March 1, when SBC President Ed Litton of Alabama said he would not – as has become the norm – seek a second term. Last June, he narrowly defeated a pastor from the Conservative Baptist Network, a new coalition that insists SBC leaders have become "too woke" on Critical Race Theory, the role of women, COVID-19 policies and other fault lines in American life.

Finn is convinced that Southern Baptists are, this time around, fighting over how to respond to rapid cultural changes, as opposed to the theological disputes of the past.

"Is this 'liberals' vs. 'conservatives' 2.0? I think that dog doesn't hunt," he said, reached by telephone. "We're not even in shouting distance of the biblical issues that were at stake in 1979. ... I think what we're facing is a microcosm of the divisions we see in America, in general."

At the same time, Finn said some themes from his old "15 Factors" essays remain relevant. For example, back in 1979, most SBC churches remained united by a kind of "brand loyalty" when it came to handling worship, youth work, education, publishing and evangelism. This produced what some called an "SBC ethnicity."

Today, these ties have weakened as more Americans, including Southern Baptists, flock into independent, nondenominational megachurches and parachurch ministries that blur the lines between Baptists,

Presbyterians, Pentecostal-charismatics and others.

"Many of these churches are post-Baptist," noted Finn. "If you visit them, you'll find that their leaders are graduates of SBC schools, but they have moved on to do their own thing."

Then there was this passage from 2009: "Sociologists and historians note that over the course of the 20th century, the South slowly became part of America again. ... It took the Civil Rights era to complete the process," Finn wrote. "White southerners either voluntarily changed their mind about race relations, were shamed into changing their mind or at least begrudgingly submitted to the new status quo. ... The South became the Sunbelt and Southerners became Americans – in many cases, the most patriotic of Americans."










Today, many growing SBC churches are Black, Latino, Asian or multicultural, with leaders that are conservative theologically, but have different approaches when addressing hot-button issues – such as institutionalized racism – in a tense America.

In another change from 1979, these crucial debates take place on Twitter and Facebook and in other Balkanized digital forums in which success is judged by the clicks of true believers.

"These days, we don't talk to Southern Baptists with other points of view until we get to the national convention, and then we discover how divided we are," said Finn. "Cable news channels and concrete information silos on the internet are totally a part of all that."

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Saturday Showers Likely 50 / 36	 Sunday Sunny 61 / 41	 Monday Partly Cloudy 68 / 47	 Tuesday Few Showers 58 / 50	 Wednesday Showers Likely 61 / 42
Sun and Moon Today's sunset 7:54 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise 7:46 a.m.  Last 3/25  New 4/1  First 4/9  Full 4/16			Detailed Local Outlook Today we will see cloudy skies with a 75% chance of showers, high temperature of 50°, humidity of 85%. Southwest wind 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 75% chance of showers, overnight low of 36°. West wind 6 to 15 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 34°.	



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KITS

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The "Nothin' Wrong With Help" box is focused on the fact that "day-to-day care can be tricky sometimes and there is absolutely nothing wrong with asking for help." This box will have items that assist with those day-to-day activities, like foam grip tubes, flexy nose cups and a tiny talker.

"Some people have trouble closing their hand properly around a pencil," said Hann. "One person may have trouble drinking from a 'regular' cup. Some may not be able to verbalize what they are wanting clearly."

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ry input." "All patrons that have, care, or hang out with neurodiverse kiddos are encouraged to check these out," said NMPL programming coordinator Molly Magnus. "If you've had your eye on something for a while, but not sure if it's worth the money, check out one of these boxes and see if it's a good fit for your kiddo

before you buy. We are so excited to continue to grow and offer more resources in our library. Having a special needs kiddo myself, I am super appreciative and thankful to have access to these types of resources in our small community."

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Obituaries

Charlotte Jean Monce Boardman

Oct. 5, 1940 – March 16, 2022

Charlotte Jean Monce Boardman, 81, of Silver Springs, Florida, formerly of Wabash, Indiana, died at 5:30 am, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at Brandley Hospice House in Summerfield. She was born on Oct. 5, 1940, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Johnny and Ruth M. (Scales) Mann.

Charlotte first married David Dean Monce in Urbana, Indiana on October 25, 1957; he died Nov. 1, 2007. She then married Bob Boardman in Columbia City, Indiana on Nov. 23, 2011. Charlotte worked at Ford Meter Box in Wabash, retiring in 2002 after 25 years. She was a former member of the Wabash Chapel Church of God. Charlotte helped coach Cub Scout softball and was also a den mother. She also babysat for several families. She supported the troops, enjoyed playing bingo, watching hummingbirds, and collecting dolls, but the most important things to her were God, family, and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Boardman of Silver Springs; three children, Rick (Roxanna) Monce of Urbana, Indiana, Kenny (Sandy) Monce of North Manchester, Indiana, and Valerie (Lee) Purdy of Wabash; five grandchildren, Elizabeth (Josh) Eads of Westfield, Indiana, Brent Monce of North Manchester, Brandon (Alison) Monce of Wabash, Jared (Caitlynn) Monce of Huntington, Indiana, and Brandon Purdy of Wabash; two



step grandchildren, Angie (Walter) Stapleton of Urbana, and Chad Partridge; three great-grandchildren, Lainey Monce of Wabash, Logan Eads and Liam Eads, both of Westfield; step great grandchild, Kilee Stapleton of Urbana; and her sister, Ruth Venetta Carnes of Ocala, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, David Monce, two sisters, Yolanda Mae Keller, and June Eubank, and her brother, Kenneth Mann.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Ralph Johnson officiating. Entombment will be in Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 pm Tuesday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Charlotte may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Mary Ann Rish

Mary Ann Rish, 89, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on March 22, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Visitation for family and friends will be 1 hour prior to the funeral service from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

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a place to call home as they signed paperwork to obtain the property at 1620 to 1640 S. Wabash St.

Seaman said this building will serve as a central location for the organization to not only store its assets but to have a creative space as well.

WACT annually produces at least three or four shows in Wabash, including a fall musical, a straight-play spring comedy and Christmas programming, as well as variety programming and “dinner-entertainment” opportunities.

Seaman said the South Wabash Street property is located near Nancy J’s Fabrics, B-K Root Beer and Kitchens Plus, just south of Shady Lane Drive. Upon the 0.63-acre plot of land are two structures that will be used to house their supplies and “create a legacy of perpetuity for WACT.”

Seaman said in total, the main building on the property features 9,900 square feet of space. The property also features a 1,260-square-foot

pole frame building, as well as a large parking lot.

Seaman said there aren’t any plans for WACT to create a performing arts center on the property due to existing amenities in the area.

Seaman said those who would like to support the project can do so by sending a check to Wabash Area Community Theater at P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992, with “Building” in the memo line. For those who would like to give online, a GoFundMe page titled “WACT Building Fundraiser” has also been created for the project. It can be found on the Wabash Area Community Theater Facebook page or by searching on www.gofundme.com.

Those who are interested in making a gift, but would like more information, may contact Bev Vanderpool by email at vanderpob@yahoo.com or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at beth@wabashmillers.com or by calling 260-568-1128.

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has also caused local testing clinics to reduce their operations somewhat.

Last week, the Bowen Center announced they would decrease the hours of its COVID-19 testing site in Kosciusko County, said public relations and marketing manager Claudia Johnson. The hours will be reduced to just three days a week, including from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.

“The change is in response to a sharp decline in visitors to the testing site,” said Johnson. “The free, drive-through testing site in Warsaw, located at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds, started to see a decrease in tests administered in mid-January and has seen a steady decline since. Should demand increase, the center will reevaluate and increase hours as warranted.”

English/Spanish language technicians are available to administer the tests which are free and available to anyone 2 years old and up. You do not need an appointment, a doctor’s referral, insurance or to be a resident of Kosciusko County. For more information, call 574-372-3517 or 574-372-2353.

“The COVID-19 testing site opened in October 2020 and has been one of the highest volume state-sponsored test sites in Indiana,” said Johnson.

The drive-through site is operated by Bowen Center and Bowen Health Clinic on behalf of the Indiana Department of Health and the Kosciusko County Health Department with assistance from the Northern Indiana Hispanic Health Coalition, Ivy Tech Community College – Warsaw, Kosciusko Community Hospital, WJ Carey Construction, the Kosciusko County Fair Board, Wildman Business Group and DM Trump Construction.

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Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, March 20.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith

Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

St. Patrick’s Church

The historic St. Patrick’s

Church, 950 Main St., Lagro, will hold mass days on April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. All masses begin at 11 a.m. The Lagro 950 Speakeasy Bistro opens at 11 a.m. for an after-mass lunch at 950 Washington St., Lagro.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of

the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 20 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St, Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on, “The Passover Door.” The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Sue White, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Chris Sands, special music; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

Beijing should redouble efforts to press Russia for a ceasefire

As Russia shells residential neighborhoods in Kyiv, the quest for a ceasefire in Ukraine is ever more urgent. But western hopes that China may be able to use its influence as Russia's "strategic partner" remain so far unfulfilled. A seven-hour meeting late on Monday between Yang Jiechi, China's top diplomat, and Jake Sullivan, the U.S. national security adviser, ended without word of an agreement to work together towards a cessation of violence.

In fact, a write-up of the meeting in China's official Xinhua news agency mentioned Ukraine only in passing as one of a number of "international and regional issues". It said that discussions had focused on how US-China relations could return to the "correct track" and reported that Yang criticised Washington for not adhering to the "one China principle", which Beijing says recognises its sovereignty over Taiwan. A senior U.S. official said the meeting included an extensive conversation about Russia and Ukraine.

China and Russia have developed a similar world view, chafing at U.S. dominance and efforts to spread liberal democracy. Both have been wrong-footed by the strength and unity of the western response to Vladimir Putin's invasion of his neighbour. Beijing's ties to

Moscow mean its reputation with the wider world is on the line. Not since China's 1989 massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators has it risked so severely sullyng its global standing. Yet if Beijing can prevail upon Moscow to join ceasefire negotiations in good faith, it may be seen internationally as something of a saviour.

There are costs to China's no-limits friendship with Russia. Its refusal to call Russia's aggression an "invasion", or to criticise Moscow at all, are combining to paint China in the west as an accomplice to slaughter. Russia's civilian bombardment in Ukraine is provoking accusations of war crimes.

The risks for China could rise if it helps Russia to dodge western sanctions. Sullivan said this week that the US was "communicating directly, privately to Beijing that there will absolutely be consequences for large-scale sanctions evasion efforts or support to Russia to backfill them".

There are also other dangers for Beijing. U.S. officials have told the Financial Times that Moscow has asked Beijing for military equipment to support its invasion of Ukraine. China has denied such claims as "malicious disinformation". Whatever the truth, the potential for an escalation in

acrimony between Washington and Beijing is clear.

China is not nearly self-sufficient in energy or food. It is only too well aware of the vulnerabilities inherent in its supply routes through Asian seas dominated by the US navy. The possibility of naval blockades, however remote, is matched by U.S. capacity to freeze a large portion of China's foreign reserves held in U.S. Treasury bonds.

It may well be that – for all Russia's professed friendship with Beijing – Putin cannot be deflected from his purpose to subjugate Ukraine under the boot of his authoritarian regime. Even if this is the case, Beijing's refusal so far to put clear daylight between Russia's invasion and its own position is inviting western governments to associate it with Putin's war.

Beijing's best interest lies in exerting pressure on Putin and redoubling its efforts to bring about a ceasefire. China may share the Russian regime's perception of the western world. But it would not want to be on to the "wrong side of history". In a concrete sense, as Hu Wei, a prominent Chinese academic argued in an extraordinary article this week, Beijing's main aim should be to avoid Russia from dragging it into the war, and to act to prevent escalation.

This editorial was first published in the Financial Times.



DST? You can thank Mitch

*Up in the mornin',
Out on the job
Work like the devil for my pay*

*But that lucky old sun
Got nothin' to do
But roll around heaven all day.*

– Beasley Smith, *Haven Gillespie*, 1949

If there is any justice in this world, the kind that makes public officials have to live by the rules they set for others, Purdue President and former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels will have stumbled to work this morning unshaven, bleary eyed and not quite sure where he was or what he was supposed to do.

That's the way I felt on Sunday morning when I lost an hour of sleep due to the annual "spring forward" idiosyncrasy of Daylight Saving Time. Of course, I didn't actually lose it. It went as it came in the fall, with a diktat from clock-watching functionaries. What the government giveth ...

It was Daniels who, back in 2006, used up most of his political capital and a great deal of Hoosier good will to narrowly push DST through the General Assembly after the most contentious session since the great fistfight of 1887 over who would be seated as Senate president.

There is the suspicion that the governor merely wanted Indiana to cease being an outlier on at least this one issue and that making us the 48th state to go daylight crazy would give him some national standing – so, go pound sand, Arizona and Hawaii. But he did advance a couple of justifications:

By taking away an hour of daylight before the work day started and adding it to the

Leo Morris



businesses in sync with those in big DST-observing metropolises.

Yeah, about that.

A University of California study of the Indiana economy found that switching to DST actually cost Hoosier households an extra \$8.6 million a year in electricity bills. It found that the reduced cost of lighting in the afternoons was more than offset by higher air-conditioning costs on hot afternoons and increased heating costs on cool mornings.

And a study from Rose-Hulman found that, although DST did not create an economic bonanza in Indiana, it did result in a "small but statistically significant" increase in monthly employment levels. I don't know what constitutes "small but significant" levels, but I suspect they have become smaller and less significant in the intervening years of e-commerce expansion.

And, oh, by the way, Daylight Saving Time can screw up your health. Doctors say the hourly back and forth and the resulting body clock confusion can be linked to a number of health risks, including heart attacks, obesity, cancer and even car accidents.

So, bad for energy use and therefore the environment. Bad for your health. So-so for commerce. Turning ordinarily placid people into seething psychopaths for a few days

twice a year. With all that going against Daylight Saving Time, naturally it is a federal government edict.

The only way out for states is to petition to go to year-round standard time, which requires petitions, studies and a mammoth compliance procedure, or to hope Washington comes to its senses. Going to DST year-round is not an option, but so far at least 30 states have passed legislation or resolutions supporting the idea or are considering it, just in case there is a rare burst of intelligence in Washington.

Indiana, alas, is not one of them. Don't want to mess with Mitch's legacy, I guess. There is also the added problem here that "standard" time is either Eastern or Central depending on which part of the state one lives in.

On the, um, bright side, a congressional committee is now debating whether to end the twice-yearly clock shifting, which polls show 63 percent of Americans would approve, with 21 percent unsure and only 16 percent opposed. It is being said that lawmakers and experts generally agree a change is needed but aren't quite sure how it should proceed.

Could there be hope from Washington after all? What is that brightness I see? Is it the light at the end of the tunnel? Go into the light!

Oh, wait, it's just the sun. Still there, after all this time.

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Best days lie ahead for the rural economy

By DR. TERRY GOODIN

As a lifelong Hoosier, I grew up raising beef cattle on my family's farm in Austin and have been committed to rural communities ever since. In my 20 years of serving in the Indiana House of Representatives, I was committed to creating better opportunities for rural Indiana through educational, agricultural, and rural development initiatives, including the expansion of broadband connectivity. Under the leadership of President Joe Biden and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, I look forward to furthering these efforts.

Last week, President Biden used his first State of the Union address to talk about where our country has been and where we are going.

The President mentioned a lot we can be proud of and even more to look forward to, especially in rural America.

The country has faced deep challenges over the past year, and the people of rural America know this better than anyone.

But rural communities are resilient, and as the success of rural America goes, so goes the rest of the country.

That's why the progress we have made in rural Indiana over the past year is a good sign for everyone. By investing in water infrastructure and broadband, rural business opportunities and the American food supply chain, USDA is helping communities build a foundation for sustained economic growth.

For example, last week my staff attended the groundbreaking celebration for the city of Cannelton's \$11.4 million wastewater infrastructure project. With help from USDA's Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program, the city will replace 6,000 feet of damaged sewer piping, build a new lift station, and construct a new wastewater treatment facility that will benefit nearly 1,600 people.

A great example of how we're helping to support Indiana's food supply chain is by investing in ag producers and small businesses like family-owned cheese producers Jacobs & Brichford. The ag producers recently received a \$247,000 Value-Added Producer Grant to expand marketing and sales of their award-winning raw milk cheese products.

Additionally, through programs like the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program and the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program, we're answering the president's call to create more resilient, diverse and secure supply chains. Promoting competition in the processing sector will lead to fairer prices for farmers, greater value for workers, and more affordable and healthier food produced closer to home for families.

These investments create jobs and economic opportunities in rural areas. They help grow the economy from the bottom up and middle out as the president talked about. And they contribute to a circular economy where the resources and wealth we build in rural Indiana, stay right here in Indiana.

And they're just the beginning. In the State of the Union, President Biden committed to building a national network of 500,000 electric vehicle charging stations, begin to replace poisonous lead pipes – so every child – and every American – has clean water to drink at home and school, provide affordable high-speed internet for every American – urban, suburban, rural and tribal communities.

The Biden-Harris Administration's plan for the economy is already producing historic wins, and there's room for everyone to participate, no matter their zip code.

That's why we're optimistic that our best days lie ahead.

By giving everyone a fair shot and providing equitable access to federal resources, we can do our part to carry out the President's economic vision. That means making more things here at home, strengthening our supply chains and lowering costs for working families. It means giving people opportunities to make a good living without having to leave the communities they know and love.

For a lot of us, that means staying right here in rural Indiana.

Dr. Terry Goodin is the Indiana state director for rural development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 19, the 78th day of 2022. There are 287 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On March 19, 1945, during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan (the ship was saved). Adolf Hitler ordered the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands in his so-called "Nero Decree," which was largely disregarded.

On this date:

In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

In 1931, Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.

In 1942, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered men between the ages of 45 and 64, inclusive, to register for non-military duty.

In 1977, the series finale of "Mary Tyler Moore" aired on CBS-TV, ending the situation comedy's seven-season run.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

In 1991, Polish President Lech Walesa arrived in Washington for his first state visit to the United States.

In 1995, after a 21-month hiatus, Michael Jordan returned to professional basketball with his former team, the Chicago Bulls.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Renee Taylor is 89. Actor Ursula Andress is 86. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 85. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 76. Actor Glenn Close is 75. Actor Bruce Willis is 67. Actor-comedian Mary Scheer is 59. Playwright Neil LaBute is 59. Actor Connor Trinneer is 53. Rock musician Geri Bettens (K's Choice) is 52. Rapper Bun B is 49. Rock musician Zach Lind (Jimmy Eat World) is 46. Actor Virginia Williams is 44.

Lifestyles



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Say goodbye to winter with a big bowl of umami

If you seek a wallop of flavor and a jolt of heat to propel you over winter’s finish line, make a steaming pot of umami-rich soup. This fragrant and nourishing bowl provides a welcome pick-me-up during the winter season (or any season, for that matter). Add to that a roster of healthy ingredients,

Lynda Balslev



and you have the recipe for a satisfying and fortifying one-pot meal. This recipe is inspired by Korean kimchi jjigae, or kimchi soup. If a bowl of soup can scream umami, this is it. It’s spicy, smoky and intoxicatingly aromatic, thanks to its roster of ingredients. Kimchi is a traditional Korean fermented vegetable condiment (good for your digestion) and is usually made with cabbage, ginger and garlic. It adds a potent and fiery bite to the gochujang-laced broth. Gochujang is a miso-like fermented soybean and hot pepper paste thickened with glutinous rice, which adds murky, smoky sweetness and an extra kick of heat to the bowl. Shiitake mushrooms complete

the umami bonanza, delivering rich flavor and nutrients to this heady and nourishing soup. So go ahead, get cozy, and make a pot of this soup. It’s time to finish the season with a bang.

Kimchi Soup With Tofu and Shiitake Mushrooms

Active time: 20 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes
Yield: Serves 4

- 2 tablespoons grapeseed or canola oil, divided
- 8 ounces shiitake mushrooms, trimmed, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- Kosher salt
- 4 scallions, white and green parts divided and sliced
- 1 medium carrot, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon peeled finely grated fresh ginger
- 1/2 cup kimchi, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup kimchi juice
- 4 cups chicken, mushroom or vegetable stock
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons gochujang (fermented hot pepper paste)

- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 5 ounces spinach, stems removed
- 8 ounces firm tofu, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the mushrooms and lightly season with salt. Saute until the mushrooms soften and begin to brown and release their juices, about 5 minutes. Transfer the mushrooms to a plate.

Add 1 tablespoon oil to the same pot. Add the white scallions and carrot and saute until the carrot brightens in color and is crisp-tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the garlic and ginger and saute until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Stir in the kimchi and kimchi juice and cook for about 1 minute, stirring up any brown bits in the pot. Add the stock, soy sauce, gochujang and sugar.

Bring the soup to a low boil and simmer for about 5 minutes. Stir in the spinach and continue to simmer until the greens wilt, 1 to 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Return the mushrooms to the soup, gently stir in the tofu, and simmer until just heated through.

Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with the green scallions. Serve warm.

How to save money at the gas pump

The escalating prices at the pump are causing a lot of angst, so I’m going to do that annoying thing that older folks do when someone younger is complaining about a hardship: Tell you that it isn’t as bad as you think.

Michelle Singletary



Back in the day, during the gas shortages and surging gas prices of the 1970s, I remember sitting with my grandmother for hours in a line that snaked around the gas station to fill up the family station wagon. Big Mama could buy gasoline only on odd-numbered days of the month, based on the last digit of her license plate. To save money during the gas crisis, my grandmother rarely drove anywhere except to work, the grocery store and church.

The invasion of Ukraine, which has led President Joe Biden to ban the import of oil and natural gas from Russia, is contributing to the latest spike in gas prices. It’s tough for a lot of folks living on the financial edge, especially those who use their vehicles to earn a living. Even if you can afford to absorb the increase, paying \$6 and some change for a gallon of gas can cause some psychological pain.

People are looking for ways to spend less at the gas pump. No, having your food delivered to avoid a trip to the restaurant doesn’t necessarily save you money when you factor in a service fee, a delivery charge, a possible surge charge and a tip.

West Virginia was the top state searching for “Gasoline” as of midday Thursday, followed by Idaho, Indiana and Alabama, according to Google Trends. People are also searching for answers to how long gas prices are expected to be high and what’s causing the spike.

Until prices stabilize and come down, there are some things drivers can do to cut down on what they pay to fill their tanks, said Ellen Edmonds, AAA public relations manager.

Here are some strategies that can save you money – and other moves that may not reduce your costs as much as you think.

How much can slowing down really save?

If you are a heavy-foot speed demon, you’re costing yourself money. Slow down and you can make a significant dent in the price you pay at the pump.

Edmonds says that fuel economy peaks around 50 mph on most cars, then drops off as speeds increase. Reducing highway speeds by 5 to 10 mph can increase fuel economy by as much as 14 percent. Plus, you might avoid a speeding ticket!

I’m in stop-and-go traffic a lot. Can I save gas by turning off my vehicle?

A car engine consumes one-quarter to one-half gallon of fuel per hour when idling, but a warm engine takes only around 10 seconds’ worth of fuel to restart, according to AAA.

AAA also recommends that you avoid rapid acceleration, hard braking and “jack rabbit” starts, or shooting forward at a high speed as you might do after a light turns green or to pass a slower-moving car. These actions can lower fuel economy by as much as 15 percent to 30 percent at highway speeds and 10 percent to 40 percent in stop-and-go traffic.

How much can I really save by getting rid of things in my trunk?

An extra 100 pounds can reduce fuel economy by up to 1 percent.

That admittedly doesn’t seem like a lot, but you can

combine emptying out your trunk with other measures, such as slowing down and making sure your tires are inflated at the proper pressure. Underinflated tires can affect fuel economy by as much as 10 percent, according to AAA. Cargo weight affects the fuel mileage of smaller vehicles more than larger ones, Edmonds noted.

I see people filling up gas cans, so why shouldn’t I do the same?

Hoarding can lead to shortages, which then leads to further price increases because of higher demand.

“Sometimes people will use the wrong containers, and that can be a safety issue,” Edmonds said.

Why shouldn’t I add more gas after the pump clicks?

Here’s another tip from AAA: Don’t top off your gas tank trying to get every drop of gas before prices tick up ahead of your next fill up.

“Topping off” your tank may damage the Evaporative Emission System, which is designed to collect and store fuel vapors, Edmonds said.

In your effort to save a little, you could end up with a high auto repair bill.

Should I just sell my car and buy an electric vehicle?

In the long run, it might be better for your pocketbook and the environment to switch to an electric vehicle. As gas prices have climbed, more Americans are researching greener vehicles, according to Edmunds, an online car shopping resource.

On-site searches of hybrid, plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles jumped 39 percent from early February to early March, right about the time Russia invaded Ukraine.

But as a strategy to just save on the current spike in gas prices, purchasing a new electric vehicle is not the best financial move right now.

Because of a microchip shortage, prices have skyrocketed for new and used vehicles. People are paying over sticker price for new cars, and that, in turn, has sent price-conscious shoppers looking for used cars, sending those prices soaring, said Jessica Caldwell, executive director of insights at Edmunds.

The average cost for a new electric vehicle was \$60,054 in February, which was \$1,820 more than the average manufacturer’s suggested retail price, or MSRP, of \$58,234, Edmunds found.

Although you may qualify for a tax credit for purchasing an electric vehicle, you still need to factor in the price of the car, the borrowing costs, higher insurance and the expense of installing a charging station at your home if you want to boost your charging power.

Should I get a gas rewards credit card?

“I’d advocate for general-purpose cards with strong gas rewards rather than gas stations’ co-branded cards,” said Ted Rossman, senior industry analyst for Bankrate and CreditCards.com

Gas-branded cards usually give only something like 5 or 10 cents off per gallon.

“That’s less and less impactful the further prices rise,” Rossman said.

General-purpose cards with strong gas rewards, on the other hand, give 4 to 5 percent cash back on gas.

Rossman says he likes to stack a gas rewards credit card with a gas station’s app. Almost all of the major gas brands have these, and they often offer another 5 to 10 cents off per gallon, he says.

To maximize your savings, of course, you shouldn’t carry a balance on the credit card. Otherwise, you end up paying interest, which defeats the penny-pinching move.

For kids with COVID-19, everyday life can be a struggle

By COLLEEN LONG and CAROLYN KASTER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eight-year-old Brooklynn Chiles fidgets on the hospital bed as she waits for the nurse at Children’s National Hospital. The white paper beneath her crinkles as she shifts to look at the medical objects in the room. She’s had the coronavirus three times, and no one can figure out why.

Brooklynn’s lucky, sort of. Each time she has tested positive, she has suffered no obvious symptoms. But her dad, Rodney, caught the virus when she was positive back in September, and he died from it.

Her mom, Danielle, is dreading a next bout, fearing her daughter could become gravely ill even

though she’s been vaccinated.

“Every time, I think: Am I going to go through this with her, too?” she said, sitting on a plastic chair wedged in the corner. “Is this the moment where I lose everyone?”

Among the puzzling outcomes of the coronavirus, which has killed more than 6 million people worldwide since it first emerged in 2019, are the symptoms suffered by children.

More than 12.7 million children in the U.S. alone have tested positive for COVID-19 since the pandemic began, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Generally, the virus doesn’t hit kids as severely as adults.

But, as with some adults, there are still bizarre outcomes. Some youngsters

suffer unexplained symptoms long after the virus is gone, what’s often called long COVID. Others get reinfect. Some seem to recover fine, only to be struck later by a mysterious condition that causes severe organ inflammation.

And all that can come on top of grieving for loved ones killed by the virus and other interruptions to a normal childhood.

Doctors at Children’s National and multiple other hospitals getting money from the National Institutes of Health are studying the long-term effects of COVID-19 on children.

The ultimate goal is to evaluate the impact on children’s overall health and development, both physically and mentally – and tease out how their still-developing immune systems respond to

the virus to learn why some fare well and others don’t.

Children’s has about 200 kids up to age 21 enrolled in the study for three years, and it takes on about two new patients each week. The study involves children who have tested positive and those who have not, such as siblings of sick kids. The subjects range from having no symptoms to requiring life support in intensive care. On their first visit, participants get a full day of testing, including an ultrasound of their heart, blood work and lung function testing.

Dr. Roberta DeBiasi, who runs the study, said its main purpose is to define the myriad complications that children might get after COVID-19 and how common those complications are.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celebrating disability awareness

On Feb. 26, 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared March National Disabilities Awareness Month. The proclamation called for people to provide understanding, encouragement and opportunities to help persons with disabilities lead productive and fulfilling lives.

The Arc of Indiana works every day to raise awareness about the strengths and needs of people with

intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Equally important, we work to be part of the solution in ensuring all people have the opportunity to live, learn, work and fully participate in their community.

We want to be at the table and “in the room where it happens” to not only represent people with IDD, but also to ensure people with IDD themselves have a voice at the table through our strong affiliation with Self-Advocates of Indiana

Through our work at the

Statehouse and representation on the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) Advisory Council, Vocational Rehabilitation Commission, Community and Home Options to Institutional Care (CHOICE) Board, Special Education Advisory Committee and other committees, task forces and commissions, we work to raise awareness and bring the voice of families and people with IDD to state level planning and decision-making that directly

impacts Hoosiers across the lifespan.

We are also committed to directly serving people with disabilities to lead fuller, more inclusive lives. Through The Arc of Indiana Master Trust, people of all disabilities have increased financial security by having access to resources that can be saved and easily used for qualified disability and personal expenses. The creation of The Arc of Indiana Foundation’s Erskine Green Training Institute provides opportunities for

postsecondary vocational training for people with disabilities that empower and lead to meaningful employment. Our team of family advocates with The Arc Advocacy Network provide information, guidance and advocacy to ensure children and adults with disabilities receive the programs and services they are entitled to and are aware of local community resources that can help them lead their best lives.

Since our founding in 1956, people with IDD

have moved from a life cut off from the world around them in institutions, to leading fuller, more meaningful lives with their family, classmates, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. We are proud to have played an important role in this over our 65 plus years. Our work is not done. In March and every other month of the year we will continue our work to empower people with disabilities and inspire positive change.

Kim Dodson
CEO, The Arc of Indiana

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Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The workshop is expected to last approximately three hours. Speaker Jake Wyatt will share his knowledge of native plant species. Wyatt, an Indiana Master Naturalist, is a Huntington County native whose hobby and passion for native versus ornamental species covers many years. We will have an introductory presentation on using a dichotomous key, especially during the winter months and learn why supporting native plants is important in today’s environment. There will be hands-on learning as we view native plants in their outdoors in their natural habitats. Dress for the weather, there will be some walking to locate plants. There will also be caravanning to locations within Lost Bridge West. Bring a sack lunch or snack. The cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited, and advanced registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Democratic senatorial candidate to visit Wabash

The only remaining Democratic primary candidate for this year’s U.S. Senate race in Indiana will soon be visiting Wabash. The Wabash County Democratic Party will be hosting Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. for a meet and greet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in the guest room at Wings Etc., 1439 N. Cass St., with a Zoom option available.

Honeywell House hosts journeys in South Asia

On Thursday, March 31, the Honeywell House will host speaker Ken Perkins who will share inspirational stories of his agricultural influence in South Asia. He has worked with a small Laotian farm for 17 years, conducted business training in Nepal and Myanmar, and served on a trade mission to Taiwan, Japan and South Korea. He recently became an advisor on raising pigs to a missionary in Tanzania. The event will

begin at 7 p.m. The event is free, but with limited capacity, reservations are required to guarantee seating. For more information, visit honeywellarts.org.

Paradise Spring Board offers scholarships to local high school seniors

The Paradise Spring Board has announced they will again be offering scholarships to five Wabash County seniors. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 per student. For this year’s scholarship, “high school seniors are invited to research and write an essay about the railroad hub at Paradise Spring Historical Park and how the railroad still impacts us today.” Essay packets have been delivered to all public schools in the county or can be requested by email at ungerdeanna@gmail.com. Winners will be selected from the county schools plus one from the home-schooled, online or alternate school student groups. To receive the scholarship, the selected winners are also required to present their essays either in person or via video to be used for future programming. Completed essays and cover letters should be returned by Friday, April 1 by mail to Paradise Spring Board, P.O. Box 353, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, call 260-571-2879.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the “Spaces” concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for updates.

April 4 – “Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew Cordier” by Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll and Omar Gadzhiev. April 11 – In “CommuniKate: Artalive,” Kate Billingsley offers a comic performance. April 18 – Alicia Smith presents “Environmental Justice &

Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond.” April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in “Dream Big.” May 2 – “Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester’s First Black Students” is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses. May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of “Spaces,” a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Grow Wabash County to celebrate Wabash County’s top graduates

Grow Wabash County will recognize some of Wabash County’s top academic students at the 2022 Honor Student Luncheon on Thursday, April 14. This year’s luncheon will recognize 68 Wabash County seniors with career interests ranging from nursing and health care to agribusiness, engineering and the arts. The luncheon will once again host a panel of industry professionals that will provide insight and advice to the students about starting their careers and why they should consider Wabash County when it comes time to choose where they want to lay down roots and begin their professional careers. Local businesses,

colleges, universities and employers interested in sponsoring students and showing your support for the next generation of talent in Wabash County can do so by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar, emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Salamonie ‘Tweens Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Guardian Warriors seeks to raise funds through shoe donations

The Guardian Warriors group has launched a shoe collection drive to raise

money to help local families, send children to college, an upcoming 9/11 event and more. The shoe donations will also support micro-enterprises in developing nations and “reduce what goes into landfills.” The shoe drive, which lasts through May 31, will ultimately earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Their goal is to collect 2,500 shoes. Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. The shoes will then be re-distributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Those who are interested in donating shoes may send them through the mail to 3789 W. 100 South, Wabash, IN 46992, or call 765-244-8360. They will also have pick-up dates available from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 1 and Saturday, May 7 at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday

in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/ASSISTANT

Wabash County’s First Five Alliance, a collaboration of childcare and early education programs, is looking for individuals who are patient, compassionate, and want to make a difference in the lives of young children. Individuals must be willing to substitute in any of seven early childhood education programs in Wabash County. Both permanent substitutes and occasional substitutes are needed.

Applicants must be 21+ years old and have a high school diploma or the equivalent, along with 1+ years working in childcare or related fields.

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Arkansas deputy convicted in teen’s death, gets year in jail

CABOT, Ark. (AP) — A former Arkansas deputy was convicted Friday of negligent homicide and sentenced to a year in jail for fatally shooting an unarmed white teenager whose death last year drew the attention of national civil rights leaders.

Jurors acquitted Michael Davis of the more serious offense of manslaughter while finding him guilty of the misdemeanor charge in the death of 17-year-old Hunter Brittain during a June 23 traffic stop outside Cabot, a city of about 26,000 people roughly 30 miles (48 kilometers) northeast of Little Rock.

The maximum jail term that Davis, a former sergeant with the Lonoke County sheriff’s office, faced was one year. Manslaughter is a felony for which he would have faced between three and 10 years in prison. The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported that Davis also was sentenced to a \$1,000 fine.

Davis remains free on bond pending an appeal.

Davis, who is white, told investigators he shot Brittain once in the neck during the stop outside an auto repair shop after the teen exited his truck and reached into the bed of the pickup while failing to comply with Davis’ commands to show his hands, according to the arrest affidavit. A passenger and another witness testified they never heard Davis tell the teen to show his hands.

The jury’s deliberations, which began Thursday afternoon and resumed Friday morning, lasted less than three hours total.

After the verdict was announced, Brittain’s family and friends chanted “justice for Hunter” outside the Army National Guard facility that was used for the trial, which began Tuesday.

Rebecca Payne, Brittain’s grandmother, said family members wanted the deputy convicted of the felony to ensure he could not serve as a law enforcement officer again.

“Now what’s going to happen? Are people going to

have to fear for their lives again?” she told reporters.

Davis was fired by Lonoke County Sheriff John Staley for not turning on his body camera until after shooting Brittain. The footage, presented at the trial, shows only the moments after it happened.

The passenger in Brittain’s truck said he and the teen had been working on the pickup’s transmission. Brittain’s family members have said he was grabbing a container that held antifreeze to place behind the truck’s wheel to stop it from rolling backward. Investigators found no evidence of firearms in or near the truck.

Emotionally recounting the shooting, Davis testified Thursday that he thought the teen was grabbing for a gun.

“I didn’t get into this job to kill people,” Davis said.

Robert Newcomb, Davis’ attorney, said he was pleased jurors didn’t find his client guilty of manslaughter but planned to challenge the standard they used to determine whether he was negligent.

“The police officer has a lot more situational awareness of a danger than maybe your or I would be aware of,” Newcomb told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Brittain was eulogized last year by the Rev. Al Sharpton and two attorneys who represented George Floyd’s family. They said the teen’s death highlighted the need for interracial support for changes in policing.

Floyd died in May 2020 when a white Minneapolis police officer used his knee to pin the handcuffed Black man’s neck to the ground. His death sparked nationwide protests over policing and racial inequality.

The sheriff said he respected the jury’s decision.

“As I have said since day one, this was a tragic event and we all need to continue praying for those involved,” Staley said in a statement posted on his office’s Facebook page.

GWC investors invited to an exclusive event with local legislators

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County would like to extend an invitation to all of its current investors to attend an exclusive Legislative Wrap-Up event with local legislators and the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Grow Wabash County conference room, 214 S. Wabash St., according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

This is event is free and exclusively reserved for Grow Wabash County investors. Registration for this event can be found by visiting members.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar/ or by emailing at marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

“As the joint chamber of commerce and economic development group in Wabash County, Grow Wabash County is committed to not only providing investors with services to help them grow and thrive but also offering them the opportunities to have an audience with the legislators that speak for them on the local, state and national level,” said Boulrisse.

The guest speakers for this event will be Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, and Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana president and CEO Bill Kony-ha.

During this in-person event, each guest will have a chance to discuss the work they are doing on behalf of our local business and citizens’ needs and interests before the floor is opened up for questions.

If any investor has questions for the guests, they will be encouraged to ask them during the event, or they can be sent ahead of time by email to marketing@growwabashcounty.com.

Drought-stricken California imposes new round of water cuts

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California’s urban water users and farmers who rely on supplies from state reservoirs will get less than planned this year as fears of a third consecutive dry year become reality, state officials announced Friday.

Water agencies that serve 27 million people and 750,000 acres (303,514 hectares) of farmland, will get just 5 percent of what they’ve requested this year from state supplies beyond what’s needed for critical activities such as drinking and bathing.

That’s down from the 15 percent allocation state officials had announced in January, after a wet December fueled hopes of a lessening drought.

But a wet winter didn’t materialize and unless several more inches of rain falls this month, the January-March period will be the driest start to a California year at least a century.

“We are experiencing climate change whiplash in real time with extreme swings between wet and dry conditions. That means adjusting quickly based on the data and the science,” Karla Nemeth, director of the California Department of Water Resources, said in a statement announcing the cutback.

State water supplies aren’t the only source for many of California’s water agencies. But the minimal allocation means calls for conservation are likely to continue, with state and local officials urging people to take shorter showers, pack full washing machines and dishwashers, and use less water on lawns and washing cars.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, recently announced an \$8.25 million public awareness campaign designed to encourage people to be more mindful of their water use.

So far, Californians haven’t fulfilled Newsom’s call for a voluntary 15 percent reduction in water use compared to 2020.

January’s water use was up 2.6 percent compared to the same month in 2020, amid dry conditions and warm temperatures.

Earlier this year the state banned certain wasteful water practices such as watering lawns right after rainstorms and letting sprinklers run onto sidewalks.

But beyond that, Newsom’s administration hasn’t mandated water cutbacks, as former Gov. Jerry Brown did during the state’s last drought, which lasted from 2012 to 2016. But California Natural Resources Sec-

retary Wade Crowfoot said recently that local or regional governments might issue their own water use curtailment orders.

About a third of Southern California’s water comes from state supplies, mostly routed through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which serves 19 million people. Abel Hagekhalil, the district’s general manager, said in a statement Friday that the public needs to do more to save water.

“We all need to take this drought more seriously and significantly step up our water-saving efforts to help preserve our dropping storage levels and ensure we have the water we need into the summer and fall,” he said.

California is in its second acute drought in less than a decade, and scientists say the U.S. West is broadly experiencing the worst megadrought in 1,200 years, made more intense by climate change.

People adapted their water use during the state’s last drought, in part by ripping up sprinkler-hungry lawns and replacing them with drought-resistant landscaping. Many of those water-saving habits stuck.

But the dry conditions that began anew in 2020 are demanding more conservation, as reservoirs such as Lake Oroville and Shasta Lake remain below historical levels and less water from melting snow is expected to trickle down the mountains this spring.

Current predictions estimate the state will have about 57 percent of its historical median runoff this April through July, said Alan Haynes, hydrologist in charge for the California Nevada River Forecast Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Melted snow traditionally provides about a third of the state’s water supply.

A persistent lack of water can produce a range of negative consequences, including farmers following fields and endangered salmon and other fish dying.

The water providers that rely on state supplies have a certain amount they of water they can request from the state, and the state makes determinations through the winter on how much they will get based on supply.

In December, before the major snowfall, state officials told water providers that they wouldn’t get anything beyond what was needed for immediate health and safety, such as drinking and bathing. The state upped that to 15 percent of requested supplies in January.

‘Hometown Heroes’ celebrates the music of Indiana and Missouri

Wabash native Kim Grogg Marin, Kansas City native Lennie Watts present homegrown music

STAFF REPORT

Wabash’s own Kim Grogg Marin returns to her hometown for a performance in “Hometown Heroes” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 at the Honeywell Center, according to Honeywell Arts & Entertainment public relations specialist Michele DeVinney.

DeVinney said “the show is filled to capacity” as she brings a tribute to Indiana composers to Northeast Indiana.

This cabaret show originating out of New York City will feature music associated with the home states of Wabash native Kim Grogg Marin and Kansas City native Lennie Watts, including classic composers like Cole Porter and Hoagy Carmichael.

Throughout their performance, they will weave their story through the music with accompanist Stephen Ray Watkins.

All three performers are award-winning musicians for cabaret in New York City.

“The musical offerings are widely varied and the factoids are actually quite interesting, though in lesser hands and with a different pair on the stage, it might not be so successful,” wrote Stephen Mosher in his review of the act for “Broadway World.”

“Lennie is so off-the-cuff that part of the fun is waiting to hear what spontaneous gem is going to spring forth from his mouth, and the other part of the fun is waiting to hear Kim laugh when the gem drops. What makes the hour-long confederation so sweet is the chemistry between the two taking turns in the spotlight, while the other watches, respectfully, from the shadows.”

This program is sponsored by the Martha Jones Program Fund, a named endowment fund supporting the Honeywell House.

Holcomb to lead trade mission to Slovakia, Israel

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gov. Eric Holcomb and two top aides will lead a weeklong trade mission to Slovakia and Israel beginning March 27, his office announced Friday.

The planned trip to Slovakia by Holcomb, Adjutant General R. Dale Lyles and Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers comes amid the war between neighboring Ukraine and Russia. The trio will meet with nongovernment and civil society organizations to lend Indiana’s support of Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees.

“This visit also provides an opportunity to do what’s right and offer Hoosier support through humanitarian efforts to the Ukrainians who have found refuge in Slovakia and the greater region,” Holcomb said in a news release.

AWS GRANT

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employment opportunities for people with disabilities. We then created a five-year solution plan that was accepted for funding by the AWS Foundation.”

Johnson said after analyzing their findings and developing a plan to meet those needs, each organization was extended an invitation from AWS Foundation to apply for up to \$1 million of additional funding to implement a three-to-five-year plan of action. The total amount awarded was based on these presentation findings. Since August, nine nonprofit disability service providers have received Vantage Grants totaling \$7,887,707.

“We are pleased to award Vantage Grants to these four organizations. They have worked hard over the past six months to tackle a challenge that has repeatedly been beyond their reach,” says AWS Foundation CEO Patti Hays.

“The Vantage Grant will allow them to provide services or processes in their organizations that might have otherwise been years away from their existing resources.” Ms. Hays goes on to say that direct nonprofit service providers rarely have time, personnel, or budgets to look beyond their daily operational demands.”

Johnson said the AWS Foundation established the

Vantage Grant to offer non-profits by invitation, the opportunity to take a reflective position intended to give them a strategic advantage and perspective on their operations.

Patton said the Arc of Wabash County was awarded \$998,620 that will be disbursed over five years from April 2022 to April 2026 and must be used specifically for employment programs and services.

“This AWS Grant is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a major impact on not only the lives of people with disabilities that Arc serves, but on the entire Wabash County community. The grant will create three new businesses, expand two current businesses, create

30 new job positions, and make a robust economic contribution to Wabash County,” said Patton.

“The goal of the AWS Grant is to expand employment opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, promote diverse and integrated work environments and create competitive-wage jobs for people with disabilities. Achieving this tremendous grant opportunity was a community effort. Arc facilitated a grant advisory team consisting of local business, education, government, industry, parents and people with disabilities.”

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Thomas J. Barlow was, on the 3rd day of March, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of Shirley A. Barlow, deceased, who died on the 5th day of August, 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Timothy E. Lane and Sally A. Randall was, on the 15th day of March, 2022, was appointed personal representatives of the estate of Viola Mae Lane, deceased, who died on the 22nd day of February, 2022.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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Jealousy leads to cracks in trio’s relationships

DEAR ABBY: My best friend of a few years, “Leia,” and I are very close. We were basically a unit, spending every day together. But now I have a girlfriend, “Kara.” She’s a mutual friend of both of us. Kara and I have been together for only a few months, but I already care about her very much. I don’t want things to change. The problem is, she’s jealous of the connection I have with Leia, and Leia feels ditched, like I’m not spending enough time with her.

I know the conventional advice is to dump one or the other, but I care about them both too much to lose either one, and I need to find a balance instead. How do I go about having a best friend and a relationship at the same time? – Pulled In Two Directions

DEAR PULLED: Start by telling Kara that if you wanted a romance with Leia, it would have already happened, and that your friendship with Leia is important to you. Then tell Kara you care about her and feel there could be a future with her, but ONLY if she’s able to control her jealousy and insecurity where Leia is concerned.

After that, explain to Leia that you care about your friendship very much and don’t want her to feel neglected, but now that you have a girlfriend, you have less time to spend with her than you did in the past. Then cross your fingers.

DEAR ABBY: From the time I was a child, I’ve always wanted to be helpful. If people asked me for favors, no matter how small or out of the way they were, I was always happy to help. Recently, though, I have been noticing that when I ask for help in return, there are very few people I can actually rely on.

I know a lot of people consider me naive and gullible because of my willingness to help, but I have reached the point where I don’t want to do anything for anyone unless they’re sincere about their friendship. How do I politely show them I’m not as clueless and naive as they think I am? – Frustrated And Annoyed

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You don’t have to be confrontational or unpleasant. Accomplish that goal by being less helpful – FAR less helpful – to those who don’t return the favors you bestow.

DEAR ABBY: We are planning our daughter’s wedding and trying to figure out how to politely ask the groom’s mother to help with the finances. When is the best time, or should I ask the groom to do it? We don’t think he wants to ask her. – Questioning In New Jersey

DEAR QUESTIONING: Have a “truth session” with your daughter and her fiancé. If the wedding they’re planning is too rich for your budget, it is important to make it plain now. As to who should ask his mother to contribute, that question should come from your daughter’s fiancé, after which a conversation may or may not begin with your soon-to-be in-law.

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23 Water, to Pedro

24 Roll dice

25 Shut with force

26 “Breath-less” star

27 Adams or McClurg

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32 Our sun

35 Puffs up

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39 The thing’s yes

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44 Almost, in poems

45 Stanford rival

47 Bounty rival

48 Worse than bad

49 Gigantic bird of myth

50 Sunbeam

51 Lamb’s parent

53 Bark or yelp

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I can't believe I had to bail him out again today. How is he my boss?

I can't believe I have to listen to this again. You need to do something about this.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Thank you for a very nice time, Grandma! We’ll come visit again — maybe TOMORROW!”

BEETLE BAILEY

I'M THINKING OF GETTING A TATTOO

WHY NOT?

LOTS OF GUYS AROUND HERE HAVE THEM

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BLONDIE

CHECK OUT MY CUSTOMIZED BASEBALL CARDS. MR. B. I MADE 'EM ONLINE!

“ELMO TUTTLE, FUTURE ALL-STAR PLAYER AND MOOLAH MAKER”

BETTER BUY NOW, BEFORE I SELL OUT

WOW! IT'S EVEN GOT GUM IN IT?!

YOU'RE STILL CHEWING BUBBLE GUM?

I'M JUST TRYING TO SUPPORT ELMO, DEAR!

HI & LOIS

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT COLLEGE IS A PARTY SCHOOL?

IT SAYS ON THEIR WEBSITE: “FREE BEER FOR ALL STUDENTS.”

WHAT?!

JUST KIDDIN', DAD.

BC

YA KNOW... I ENVY THAT SPECIES.

WHY?

IF I HAD SPIKES LIKE THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO TALK TO ANYONE.

WIZARD OF ID

YIP!

WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?

DILBERT

HI, I'M PHIL, THE PRINCE OF INSUFFICIENT LIGHT AND THE RULER OF HECK.

I HEAR YOU'RE GIVING A TECHNOLOGY DEMO TODAY, AND I CAME TO MAKE IT FAIL.

THIS IS HIGHLY IRREGULAR.

IS THIS CABLE IMPOR-TANT FOR ANY-THING?

GARFIELD

FOR THIS I BOUGHT YOU A MAT?!

CAT YOGA

FORT KNOX

THE POLICE ARE CLOSING IN ON ME.

SO THERE REALLY IS A WARRANT OUT FOR YOU?!

YES, BUT I PLAN TO GET OUT OF IT.

BY PLEADING INSANTY?

BY FAKING MY PEATH AND FLEEING TO SOUTH AMERICA.

PICKLES

YOU'VE GOT ALL THOSE CRAYONS, AND THE ONLY ONE YOU LET ME USE IS THIS WHITE ONE?

THIS IS A BRAND NEW COLORING BOOK, AND I DON'T WANT IT TO GET MESSED UP.

YOU THINK I'LL RUIN YOUR COLORING BOOK?

I'VE SEEN YOU COLOR GRAMPA. YOU GO OUTSIDE THE LINES.

Our idea of success and God’s not necessarily the same

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My family is made up of high achievers and I’ve been raised to go after my goals and not let anything stand in the way of reaching them. My pastor says that people can be tricked by what society holds up as high achievement. Is this true? – H.A.

A: Our idea of success and God’s are not necessarily the same. The psalmist presents a view of life that is the exact opposite of what the world around us promotes through advertising, social media, entertainment—even the lifestyles of the rich and famous. “Live for yourself,” the world proclaims. “Have a good time; indulge your senses; pursue every pleasure; strive for success. And if you do,

these voices add, “Then you’ll be happy and blessed.”

God calls us to another way—His way. The Bible says, “Blessed are those who keep [the Lord’s] testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart” (Psalm 119:2). Blessing, He says, comes only from following Him. Every other way promises what it cannot deliver—and delivers exactly the opposite of what it promised. Some of the most miserable people are those who are highly successful in the eyes of the world. But

down inside they are restless and spiritually empty.

Don’t fall into the world’s trap, following its self-indulgent goals and driven by its self-centered motives. It can happen without even being aware of it. Our job in life is not to be successful, but to be faithful. Regardless of our cleverness, our achievements, and our gadgets and devices, we are spiritual paupers without God. Make sure Christ is first, and strive for the goal to live according to His Word. This is how to know true contentment.

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Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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R A N P Y V O A V X O K W X X U P X A G O . ”
— X A N M W L X T

Previous Solution: “You might as well like yourself; just think about all the time you’re gonna have to spend with you.” — Jerry Lewis
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American gunmakers help Ukrainians fight back against Putin

By **JOSHUA GOODMAN**
Associated Press

MIAMI — Adrian Kellgren’s family-owned gun company in Florida was left holding a \$200,000 shipment of semi-automatic rifles after a longtime customer in Ukraine suddenly went silent during Vladimir Putin’s invasion of the country.

Fearing the worst, Kellgren and his company KelTec decided to put those stranded 400 guns to use, sending them to Ukraine’s nascent resistance movement to help civilians fight back against a Russian military that has been repeatedly shelling their apartment buildings, schools, hospitals and hiding places.

“The American people want to do something,” said Kellgren, a former U.S. Navy pilot. “We enjoy our freedoms, we cherish those things. And when we see a group of people out there getting hammered like this, it’s heart-breaking.”

Cocoa-based KelTec’s donation is a high-profile example of Americans collecting guns, ammunition, body armor, helmets and other tactical gear in response to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s promise to arm his citizens. But many similar grassroots efforts have been snarled by inexperience with the complex web of regulations governing the international shipment of such equipment.

Kellgren, who has dealt with such red tape for years, managed to connect through a Ukrainian neighbor with a diplomat in the Ukrainian Embassy who helped him secure a federal arms export license in just four days. That process can often

take months.

This week, as Congress debated whether to send more advanced weapons and defense systems to Ukraine, workers at KelTec’s warehouse forklifted four plastic-wrapped pallets containing their 9 mm foldable rifles for delivery to an undisclosed NATO-run facility. From there, the shipment’s new recipient, Ukraine’s Ministry of Defense, will be responsible for smuggling the weapons into the war zone.

“That’s when the real der-ring-do and heroism begins,” Kellgren said.

From California to New York, elected officials, sheriff’s departments and nonprofits say they have also collected thousands of sets of body armor and millions of rounds of ammunition for Ukraine.

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis kicked off a campaign last week to ask police and sheriff’s departments to donate surplus ballistic helmets and other equipment. “We know that it can urgently be used to help stop Putin and save Ukraine,” he said.

But hazards abound: One New York City nonprofit leading an effort to collect tactical gear had 400 bullet-proof vests stolen before they could be dispatched.

Many of the organizers have no clue how to navigate international arms export rules, which sometimes require approvals from the Departments of State, Commerce and Defense to ship even non-lethal tactical gear. Organizers of one such drive in New York are piggybacking on KelTec’s license to export 60 long guns they recently collected.

“I’m hoping that this move-

ment spreads through the whole United States and every gun store and every gun manufacturer in the U.S. accepts these donations,” Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman said at a news conference Friday.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, a trade group for firearms manufacturers, distributed step-by-step instructions this week to its more than 8,000 members on how to apply for an expedited export license. They also provided a list of specific sniper rifles, pistols and ammo requested by Ukraine’s Embassy in Washington.

KelTec hopes to arrange more shipments in the future. Its license allows the export of up to 10,000 weapons and the company has offered the Ukrainians their own production line and weekly shipments.

Details of KelTec’s efforts surfaced in a Justice Department filing this week by a Maryland-based real estate lawyer, Lukas Jan Kaczmarek, who said that as a volunteer with the Ukrainian-American Bar Association he is helping Ukraine acquire weapons in tandem with Volodymyr Muzylov, the first secretary at the Ukraine Embassy.

“I expect to work in this capacity for the duration of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and I have not, am not, and shall not receive any monetary compensation for my assistance,” Kaczmarek wrote in his registration as a foreign agent of the Zelenskyy government.

KelTec isn’t the only arms manufacturer to have answered the call.

Another Florida company,

Adams Arms, posted on its Facebook account a video of what it said is a shipment of carbine rifles destined for Ukraine. The company has also started selling T-shirts emblazoned with the iconic final broadcast of a bombarded Ukrainian Border Guard unit that told a Russian warship to “Go (expletive) Yourself!” Proceeds from shirt sales will go to the Ukrainian National Bank’s war funds.

While rifles are no match for Putin’s firepower of Sukhoi fighter jets and cluster bombs, they can play an important role if the Russians get bogged down in street-to-street combat, retired U.S. Army Major John Spencer said.

The semi-automatic rifles KelTec is shipping are perhaps even more valuable than high-tech, anti-aircraft missiles that require extensive training beyond the reach of most civilians, many of whom have never even held a gun before, he said.

“Every shipment of firearms is critical,” said Spencer, an urban warfare analyst at the Madison Policy Forum, a New York-based think tank. “You’re giving one more fighter, out of tens of thousands, the opportunity to resist with a simple-to-use weapon.”

Kellgren said he’s been inspired by the resourcefulness and tenacity of Ukrainian citizens and is confident the rifles he’s sending will make a difference.

“The people of Ukraine have had mostly just civilian firearms and they’re holding off a superpower,” he said. “So the X-factor here not isn’t necessarily what equipment you’re holding. ... It comes down to the will to fight.”

Tennessee guard members safe despite Russian reports

By **ALI SWENSON**
Associated Press

Three current and former members of the Tennessee National Guard are safe and accounted for, despite a Russian newspaper’s false report that the men were killed while fighting in Ukraine.

All three men named in a Russian news report, two of whom are still serving in the Tennessee National Guard, are alive and well – and no U.S. military personnel are currently on orders in Ukraine, National Guard Bureau spokesman Wayne Hall said in a phone

interview Friday.

The false claim began circulating Thursday after the Russian newspaper Pravda published a story and tweets claiming the three Americans, whom it identified by name and as “mercenaries,” had been “eliminated.” It cited a pro-Russian militia in Ukraine’s Donetsk region, which said it had identified the deceased using a Tennessee flag and other personal belongings left in a backpack near the remains.

In response to the false story, Tennessee National Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Marlin Malone said Friday that the military had con-

firmed the named individuals’ whereabouts and “they are not in Ukraine.”

Malone said the Tennessee National Guard is “monitoring the situation and will aid the members as needed.”

The National Guard Bureau said in a statement on Thursday that it believed Russian media targeted the individuals because they appeared in articles associated with a 2018 deployment to Ukraine, which included members of the Tennessee National Guard’s 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

That mission included the development of instructors, firing ranges, training areas,

equipment and instrumentation requirements, and a realistic operational training environment, according to the statement.

“All members of the Tennessee National Guard returned safely to their home state in 2019 after a successful mission,” the statement said.

Pravda’s false article, which was still live on its website Friday, is one of many distorted claims that have emerged from Russian media in recent weeks as part of a disinformation campaign to bolster domestic support for Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

Putin likens opponents to ‘gnats,’ signaling new repression

NEW YORK (AP) — Facing stiff resistance in Ukraine and crippling economic sanctions at home, Russian President Vladimir Putin is using language that recalls the rhetoric from Josef Stalin’s show trials of the 1930s.

Putin’s ominous speech on Wednesday likened opponents to “gnats” who try to weaken the country at the behest of the West – crude remarks that set the stage for sweeping repression against those who dare to speak out against the war in Ukraine.

His rant appeared to reflect his frustration about the slow pace of the Russian offensive, which bogged down on the outskirts of Kyiv and around other cities in northeastern Ukraine. Russian forces made comparatively bigger gains in the south, but they haven’t been able to capture the strategic port of Mariupol on the Sea of Azov, and their advance along the Black Sea coast also has stalled.

Meanwhile, Russia has been battered by devastating Western sanctions that cut the government’s access to an estimated half of the country’s hard currency reserves and dealt crippling blows to many sectors of the economy.

With his hopes for a blitz in Ukraine shattered and economic costs mounting swiftly, Putin unleashed a venomous diatribe at those who oppose his course.

“The Russian people will always be able to distinguish true patriots from scum and traitors and will simply spit them out like a gnat that accidentally

flew into their mouths – spit them out on the pavement,” Putin said during Wednesday’s call with top officials. “I am convinced that such a natural and necessary self-purification of society will only strengthen our country, our solidarity, cohesion and readiness to respond to any challenges.”

The coarse language carried ominous parallels for those familiar with Soviet history. During show trials of Stalin’s Great Terror, authorities disparaged the declared “enemies of the people” as “reptiles” or “mad dogs.”

His voice strained by anger, Putin charged that Russians who oppose the war in Ukraine were a “fifth column” obsequiously serving Western interests and ready to “sell their own mother.”

“I don’t condemn those who have villas in Miami or the French Riviera, those who can’t live without foie gras, oysters or so-called gender freedoms,” Putin said. “It’s not a problem. The problem is that many of those people are mentally there (in the West) and not here with our people, with Russia. They don’t remember or just don’t understand that they are just ... expendables used for the purpose of inflicting the maximum damage on our people.”

As he spoke, the Russian State Investigative Committee announced the opening of criminal probes against several people accused of spreading “false information” about the military action in Ukraine.

The first person singled out by the country’s top investi-

gative agency was Veronika Belotserkovskaya, a popular blogger and socialite who has written books about French and Italian cuisine and divides her time between Russia and southern France. She appeared to be a target conveniently fitting Putin’s scathing description of cosmopolitan Russians who love fancy food and are seemingly at odds with the broad masses.

The investigative committee said it would move to issue an international arrest warrant for Belotserkovskaya, alleging her Instagram posts “discredited” state authorities and the military.

Belotserkovskaya responded by writing: “I have been officially declared to be a decent person!”

She is being investigated under new legislation fast-tracked on March 4 by the Kremlin-controlled parliament, a week after Putin launched the invasion. It envisions prison terms of up to 15 years for posting “fake” information about the military that differs from the official narrative.

Putin and his lieutenants describe the war in Ukraine as a “special military operation” intended to uproot alleged “neo-Nazi nationalists” and remove a potential military threat against Russia— goals that most of the world has rejected as bogus.

Russian officials have attributed the offensive’s slow pace to their desire to spare civilians, even as the military pummeled Mariupol, Kyiv, Kharkiv and other Ukrainian

cities with indiscriminate barages and airstrikes, killing untold numbers of civilians.

With the action in Ukraine in stark contrast with official declarations, the authorities acted quickly to control the message, shutting access to foreign media websites, along with Facebook and Instagram and moving to outlaw their parent company Meta as an “extremist” organization.

The tight lids on information have helped the Kremlin rally support of broad layers of the population who rely on state-controlled television as their main source of news. State TV programs carried an increasingly aggressive message against those who oppose the war.

Asked about incidents in which the apartment doors of war critics were spray-painted with the letter “Z” – a sign used to mark Russian military vehicles in Ukraine that has been heavily promoted by the state – Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described it as an “emotional” move by Putin’s supporters.

The campaign in support of the war saw Russian cities flooded with “Z” posters and vehicles emblazoned with it. School children were shown standing in groups in the shape of the letter or wearing clothes marked with a “Z.”

Despite the draconian new laws, tight controls on information and increasingly aggressive propaganda, however, thousands of Russians showed up at antiwar protests across the country to face immediate arrest.

Putin appears at big rally as troops press attack in Ukraine

By **CARA ANNA**
Associated Press

Vladimir Putin appeared at a huge flag-waving rally at a packed Moscow stadium Friday and lavished praise on his troops fighting in Ukraine, three weeks into the invasion that has led to heavier-than-expected Russian losses on the battlefield and increasingly authoritarian rule at home.

Meanwhile, the leader of Russia’s delegation in diplomatic talks with Ukraine said the sides have narrowed their differences. The Ukrainian side said its position remained unchanged.

The Moscow rally came as Russian troops continued to rain lethal fire on Ukrainian cities, including the capital, Kyiv, and pounded an aircraft repair installation on the outskirts of Lviv, close to the Polish border.

“Shoulder to shoulder, they help and support each other,” the Russian president said of the Kremlin’s forces in a rare public appearance since the start of the war. “We have not had unity like this for a long time,” he added to cheers from the crowd.

The invasion has touched off a burst of antiwar protests inside Russia, and the rally – held to mark the eighth anniversary of Moscow’s annexation of Crimea, which was seized from Ukraine – was surrounded by suspicions it was a Kremlin-manufactured display of patriotism.

Several Telegram channels critical of the Kremlin reported that students and employees of state institutions in a number of regions were ordered by their superiors to attend rallies and concerts marking the anniversary. Those reports could not be independently verified.

Moscow police said more than 200,000 people were in and around the Luzhniki stadium. The event included patriotic songs, including a performance of “Made in the U.S.S.R.,” with the opening lines “Ukraine and Crimea, Belarus and Moldova, it’s all my country.”

Seeking to portray the war as just, Putin paraphrased the Bible to say of Russia’s troops: “There is no greater love than giving up one’s soul for one’s friends.”

Taking to the stage where a sign read “For a world without Nazism,” he railed against his foes in Ukraine as “neo-Nazis” and continued to insist his actions were necessary to prevent “genocide” – a claim flatly denied by leaders around the globe.

Video feeds of the event cut out at times but showed a loudly cheering crowd that broke into chants of “Russia!”

Putin’s appearance marked a change from his relative isolation of recent weeks, when he has been shown meeting with world leaders and his staff either at extraordinarily long tables or via videoconference.

The tight lids on information have helped the Kremlin rally support of broad layers of the population who rely on state-controlled television as their main source of news. State TV programs carried an increasingly aggressive message against those who oppose the war.

Asked about incidents in which the apartment doors of war critics were spray-painted with the letter “Z” – a sign used to mark Russian military vehicles in Ukraine that has been heavily promoted by the state – Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described it as an “emotional” move by Putin’s supporters.

The campaign in support of the war saw Russian cities flooded with “Z” posters and vehicles emblazoned with it. School children were shown standing in groups in the shape of the letter or wearing clothes marked with a “Z.”

Despite the draconian new laws, tight controls on information and increasingly aggressive propaganda, however, thousands of Russians showed up at antiwar protests across the country to face immediate arrest.

society. His branding of his enemies as Nazis evoked what many Russians consider their country’s finest hour, the defense of the motherland from Germany during World War II.

The rally came as Vladimir Medinsky, who led Russian negotiators in several rounds of talks with Ukraine, said that the sides have moved closer to agreement on the issue of Ukraine dropping its bid to join NATO and adopting a neutral status.

“That is the issue where the parties have made their positions maximally close,” Medinsky said in remarks carried by Russian media. He added that the sides are now “halfway” on issues regarding the demilitarization of Ukraine.

Mikhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, characterized the Russian assessment as intended “to provoke tension in the media.” He tweeted: “Our positions are unchanged. Ceasefire, withdrawal of troops & strong security guarantees with concrete formulas.

In other developments, U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping spoke for nearly two hours in a bid by the U.S. to deter Beijing from providing military or economic assistance for Russia’s invasion.

Earlier Friday, one person was reported killed in the missile attack near Lviv. Satellite photos showed the strike destroyed a repair hangar and appeared to damage two other buildings. Ukraine said it had shot down two of six missiles in the volley, which came from the Black Sea.

The early morning attack was the closest strike yet to the center of Lviv, which has become a crossroads for people fleeing from other parts of Ukraine and for others entering to deliver aid or join the fight. The war has swelled the city’s population by some 200,000.

Zelenskyy boasted that Ukraine’s defenses have proved much stronger than expected, and Russia “didn’t know what we had for defense or how we prepared to meet the blow.”

But British Chief of Defense Intelligence Lt. Gen. Jim Hockenhull warned that after failing to take major Ukrainian cities, Russian forces are shifting to a “strategy of attrition” that will entail “reckless and indiscriminate use of firepower,” resulting in higher civilian casualties and a worsening humanitarian crisis.

In city after city around Ukraine, hospitals, schools and buildings where people sought safety have been attacked. Rescue workers continued to search for survivors in the ruins of a theater that was being used a shelter when it was blasted by a Russian airstrike Wednesday in the besieged southern city of Mariupol.

Ludmyla Denisova, the Ukrainian Parliament’s human rights commissioner, said at least 130 people had survived the theater bombing.

“But according to our data, there are still more than 1,300 people in these basements, in this bomb shelter,” Denisova told Ukrainian television. “We pray that they will all be alive, but so far there is no information about them.”

Early morning barrages also hit a residential building in the Podil neighborhood of Kyiv, killing at least one person, according to emergency services, who said 98 people were evacuated from the building. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said 19 were wounded in the shelling.

Two others were killed when strikes hit residential and administrative buildings in the eastern city of Kramatorsk, according to the regional governor, Pavlo Kyrylenko.

Maj. Gen. Oleksandr Pavlyuk, who is leading the defense of the region around Ukraine’s capital, said his forces are well-positioned to defend the city and vowed: “We will never give up. We will fight until the end. To the last breath and to the last bullet.”

Wabash softball ready to take next step forward

Apaches' season begins Tuesday at home against Huntington North

By CLAY MAXFIELD
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

While Wabash's varsity softball team didn't put together the 2021 season they had hoped for, head coach Bob Stambazze and the Apaches have managed to use the previous season's work as a learning lesson that ignited a desire to be better among the roster.

For Stambazze, last season was one that revolved heavily around teaching the game.

"We went after it with the attitude that we don't care if we won a game, we want to teach the game and help the girls understand what the game really details," Stambazze said. "What it takes to be successful with Ws and Ls but more importantly what it

means to be successful while having fun out there on the field."

With that, Stambazze noted that his team's desire to learn and improve bled over to the off-season where he and his coaching staff spent time with their team in the summer as well as the off-seasons during this current school year.

"Where we're at today versus last year, we're head and shoulders ahead of the stage of the game," he said.

A season of work under their belt along with a roster that graduated just two seniors last year bodes well for the trajectory of Apache softball.

This current season will be driven by youth amongst the current Wabash team as well when the Apaches suit up to eight freshmen, four juniors and one senior.

Of the roster, Stambazze is hopeful that bright spots such as freshman pitcher Lataya Judy, Kaitlynn Honeycutt at catcher along with Ashlynn Cruz at center field and Ceyonna Hubbard in left field.

Maddie French and Charity France will also take the mound at times while occupying the infield as well.

For Stambazze, the team's buy-in has been one of the most welcoming attributes of the Apaches' preseason.

"We're excited because the girls are excited. They want to be there, they don't have to be there. That's a big, big win. ... When kids show up every day, work hard to get better and have fun doing it and are willing to be like a sponge and absorb as much as they possibly can, that's been the exciting point for us this year."

The Apaches will begin their season on Tuesday, March 22 by hosting Huntington North High School along with a county rivalry matchup at home Wednesday, March 30 against Southwood High School.

Wabash will also host the Lady Apache Classic on Saturday, April 30.

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Charity France will take the mound at times while occupying the infield as well.
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NTSB: 13-year-old drove pickup in Texas crash that killed 9

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — The investigation into this week's fiery head-on crash in West Texas now focuses on the revelation that a 13-year-old was driving the pickup truck that struck a van, killing nine people, including six members of a college golf team and their coach.

The young teen was killed in the crash along with his father, who was a passenger in the truck, Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Steven Blanco said Friday. The teen's name has not been released, and investigators have not yet determined why the youth was behind the wheel, Blanco said.

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BAPTIST

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine
Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

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North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

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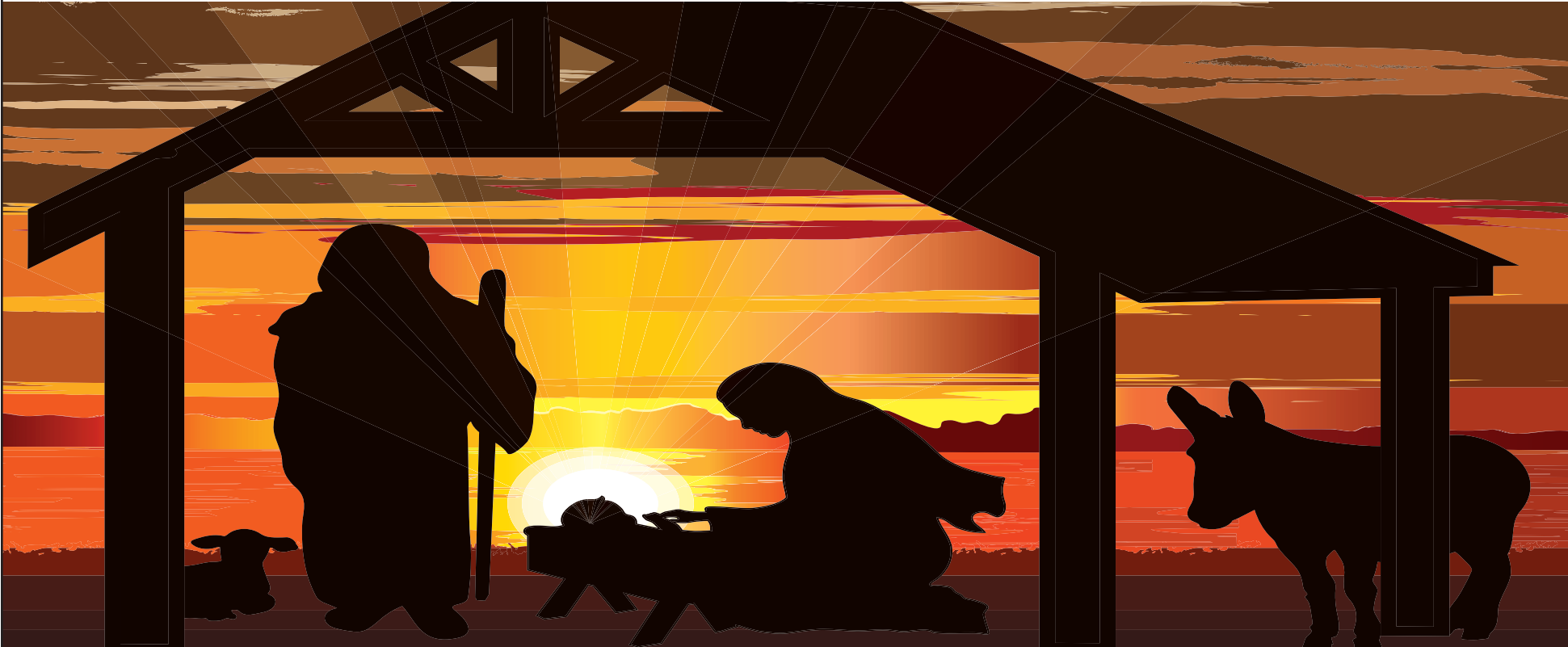


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